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No.:

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DR. EBONI C. JANUARY,) Individually,)	
And)	
EJKJ, LLC,) A Limited Liability Company,)	Cause N
Plaintiffs,	Division:
Vs.	
INVASIX, INC., a Delaware Corporation,) d/b/a INMODE AESTHETIC) SOLUTIONS ("INMODE"),) Serve: Missouri Secretary of State) 600 W. Main St.) Jefferson City, MO 65101,	
BALBOA CAPITAL CORPORATION,) a California Corporation,) Serve: Registered Agent Solutions, Inc.) 3225-A Emerald Lane) Jefferson City, MO 65109	
STEARNS BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,) d/b/a STEARNS BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE) DIVISION, a Minnesota Corporation,) Serve: Kelly Skalicky) 4191 2 nd Street South) St. Cloud, MN 56301,	
And)	
PAWNEE LEASING CORPORATION, a Colorado corporation, Serve: CSC-Lawyers Incorporating Service 221 Bolivar Street Jefferson City, MO 65101,	
Defendants.)	

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PETITION FOR DAMAGES (FRAUD)

COME NOW Plaintiffs and for their cause of action, state as follows:

- 1. That Plaintiff Dr. Eboni C. January is an individual licensed to practice medicine in the State of Missouri, with her principal place of business at 3915 Watson Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63109.
- 2. That Plaintiff EJKJ, LLC is a limited liability company in good standing formed in accordance with Missouri law, with its principal place of business at 910 Morrison Ave., St. Louis, Missouri 63104.
- 3. That Defendant INVASIX, INC. is a Delaware corporation in good standing, registered to do business in Missouri as INMODE AESTHETIC SOLUTIONS (hereafter "INMODE"), with its principal office in the United States at 20996 Bake Parkway, Suite 106, Lake Forest, California 92630.
- 4. That Defendant BALBOA CAPITAL CORPORATION is incorporated in the State of California and registered to do business in the State of Missouri.
- 5. That Defendant STEARNS BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is a national bank with its main office in St. Cloud, Minnesota and does business as STEARNS EQUIPMENT FINANCE DIVISION in the State of Missouri.
- 6. That PAWNEE LEASING CORPORATION is a Colorado corporation in good standing and registered to do business in Missouri.
- 7. That venue is proper in the Circuit Court of St. Louis County because St. Louis County is the county where Plaintiffs were injured by the wrongful acts, misrepresentation and/or fraud alleged herein, and the Defendants transacted business in this state by selling equipment and financing equipment in this state.

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- 8. That on March 1, 2019, Plaintiff EJKJ, LLC executed a Customer Purchase Agreement with Defendant InMode, for the purchase of various pieces of medical equipment for a total price of \$135,000. Included in the Agreement, in addition to certain equipment, was a printed and electronic marketing kit. (see Customer Purchase Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit 1).
- 9. That on March 1, 2019, Plaintiff EJKJ, LLC executed a second Customer Purchase Agreement with Defendant InMode, for additional pieces of medical equipment for a total price of \$80,000.00. Included in said Agreement, in addition to certain equipment, was a Spark Marketing Program. (See Customer Purchase Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit 2).
- 10. As part of the transaction to purchase the equipment, Plaintiff EJKJ, LLC was required to enter into an Equipment Finance Agreement No. 294119-000 with Balboa Capital for the financing of the equipment listed in Plaintiff's Exhibit 1 (see Equipment Finance Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit 3).
- 11. As part of the transaction to purchase the equipment, Plaintiff EJKJ, LLC was required to enter an Equipment Finance Agreement with Defendant Pawnee Leasing Corporation.
- 12. That sometime after that Defendant InMode indicated Plaintiffs would need a Body Tite Pro RFAL Work Station to properly conduct its business and Plaintiffs signed an agreement to purchase said equipment in the amount of \$138,786.58.
- 13. As part of the transaction to purchase the Body Tite Pro RFL Work Station,
 Plaintiffs were required to enter into an equipment lease with Defendant Stearns Bank,
 N.A.

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14. That as an inducement for Plaintiffs to enter into the aforesaid Agreements, all Defendants represented to Plaintiffs, among other things, that:

- (a) The equipment would pay for itself;
- (b) Marketing would be done by the Defendants;
- (c) InMode would put Plaintiffs on the physician list;
- (d) The equipment would not burn women of darker skin color;
- (e) The equipment was completely safe; and
- (f) The financing agreements had to be signed to make the purchase.
- 15. That at the time Defendants made the aforesaid representations, Defendants knew those representations to be false, and were in fact false.
- 16. That Defendants made the representations with the intent that Plaintiffs rely upon such representations.
- 17. That Plaintiffs did rely on said representations as they were material to their purchasing said equipment.
- 18. That as a direct and proximate result of the fraud aforesaid, Plaintiffs incurred financial obligations over \$250,000.00 to build a business upon said representations, and incurred embarrassment and stains upon Plaintiff EJKJ, LLC and Dr. January's reputation as a licensed and elite physician.
- 19. That Defendants' actions were done recklessly and without regard to the rights of Plaintiffs.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against Defendants jointly and severally in a reasonable sum to compensate them for the injuries incurred in an amount over \$25,000.00, for punitive damages to deter Defendants and others like them from

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such actions, for an order rescinding the agreements, for their costs herein incurred and expended, and for such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

FLUHR & MOORE, LLC.

/s/ Steven S. Fluhr
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St. Louis, MO 63119
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fluhrstl@aol.com
Attorney for Plaintiffs,
Dr. Eboni C. January and EJKJ, LLC

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Judge or Division:	Case Number: 20SL-CC03616	
NANCY WATKINS MCLAUGHLIN		
Plaintiff/Petitioner:	Plaintiff's/Petitioner's Attorney/Address	
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	9322 MANCHESTER ROAD	
vs.	SAINT LOUIS, 63119	
Defendant/Respondent:	Court Address:	
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SOLUTIONS	105 SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE	
DBA: INMODE AESTHETIC SOLUTIONS	CLAYTON, MO 63105	
Nature of Suit:		
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Summons in Civil Case

The State of Missouri to: BALBOA CAPITAL CORPORATION Alias:

R/A SOLUTIONS, INC 3225-A EMERALD LANE **JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65109**

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Twenty First Judicial Circuit

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IN THE 21ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

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Judge or Division: NANCY WATKINS MCLAUGHLIN	Case Number: 20SL-CC03616	
Plaintiff/Petitioner: EBONI C. JANUARY vs.	Plaintiff's/Petitioner's Attorney/Address: STEVEN S. FLUHR 9322 MANCHESTER ROAD SAINT LOUIS, 63119	
Defendant/Respondent: INVASIX, INC., D/B/A INMODE AESTHETIC SOLUTIONS DBA: INMODE AESTHETIC SOLUTIONS	Court Address: ST LOUIS COUNTY COURT BUILDING 105 SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE CLAYTON, MO 63105	
Nature of Suit: CC Other Tort		(Date File Stamp)
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Service Fees, if applicable
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See the following page for directions to clerk and to officer making return on service of summons.

Directions to Officer Making Return on Service of Summons

A copy of the summons and a copy of the motion and/or petition must be served on each Defendant/Respondent. If any Defendant/Respondent refuses to receive the copy of the summons and motion and/or petition when offered to him, the return shall be prepared to show the offer of the officer to deliver the summons and motion and/or petition and the Defendant's/Respondent's refusal to receive the same.

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The officer making the service must swear an affidavit before the clerk, deputy clerk, or judge of the court of which the person is an officer or other person authorized to administer oaths. This affidavit must state the time, place, and manner of service, the official character of the affiant, and the affiant's authority to serve process in civil actions within the state or territory where service is made.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STATE OF MISSOURI

DR. EBONI C. JANUARY, Individually,))
And))
EJKJ, LLC, A Limited Liability Company,))) Cause No.: 20SL-CC03616
Plaintiffs,)) Division: 21
Vs.)
INVASIX, INC., a Delaware Corporation, d/b/a INMODE AESTHETIC SOLUTIONS ("INMODE"), Serve: CT Corporation System, Reg. Agent 120 S. Central Ave. Clayton, MO 63105,)))))
BALBOA CAPITAL CORPORATION, a California Corporation, Serve: Registered Agent Solutions, Inc. 3225-A Emerald Lane Jefferson City, MO 65109))))
STEARNS BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, d/b/a STEARNS BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE DIVISION, a Minnesota Corporation, Serve: Kelly Skalicky 4191 2 nd Street South St. Cloud, MN 56301,)))))
And))
PAWNEE LEASING CORPORATION, a Colorado corporation, Serve: CSC-Lawyers Incorporating Service 221 Bolivar Street Jefferson City, MO 65101,)))))
Defendants.	,)

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MEMORANDUM TO COURT

COME NOW Plaintiffs, by and through counsel, and request summons be issued for service of process upon Defendant Invasix, Inc., d/b/a InMode Aesthetic Solutions ("InMode") by serving CT Corporation System, its Registered Agent, 120 S. Central Ave., Clayton, MO 63105.

Respectfully submitted,

FLUHR & MOORE, LLC.

/s/ Steven S. Fluhr
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St. Louis, MO 63119
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Attorney for Plaintiffs,
Dr. Eboni C. January and EJKJ, LLC

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PETITION FOR DAMAGES (FRAUD)

COME NOW Plaintiffs and for their cause of action, state as follows:

- 1. That Plaintiff Dr. Eboni C. January is an individual licensed to practice medicine in the State of Missouri, with her principal place of business at 3915 Watson Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63109.
- 2. That Plaintiff EJKJ, LLC is a limited liability company in good standing formed in accordance with Missouri law, with its principal place of business at 910 Morrison Ave., St. Louis, Missouri 63104.
- 3. That Defendant INVASIX, INC. is a Delaware corporation in good standing, registered to do business in Missouri as INMODE AESTHETIC SOLUTIONS (hereafter "INMODE"), with its principal office in the United States at 20996 Bake Parkway, Suite 106, Lake Forest, California 92630.
- 4. That Defendant BALBOA CAPITAL CORPORATION is incorporated in the State of California and registered to do business in the State of Missouri.
- 5. That Defendant STEARNS BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is a national bank with its main office in St. Cloud, Minnesota and does business as STEARNS EQUIPMENT FINANCE DIVISION in the State of Missouri.
- 6. That PAWNEE LEASING CORPORATION is a Colorado corporation in good standing and registered to do business in Missouri.
- 7. That venue is proper in the Circuit Court of St. Louis County because St. Louis County is the county where Plaintiffs were injured by the wrongful acts, misrepresentation and/or fraud alleged herein, and the Defendants transacted business in this state by selling equipment and financing equipment in this state.

- 8. That on March 1, 2019, Plaintiff EJKJ, LLC executed a Customer Purchase Agreement with Defendant InMode, for the purchase of various pieces of medical equipment for a total price of \$135,000. Included in the Agreement, in addition to certain equipment, was a printed and electronic marketing kit. (see Customer Purchase Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit 1).
- 9. That on March 1, 2019, Plaintiff EJKJ, LLC executed a second Customer Purchase Agreement with Defendant InMode, for additional pieces of medical equipment for a total price of \$80,000.00. Included in said Agreement, in addition to certain equipment, was a Spark Marketing Program. (See Customer Purchase Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit 2).
- 10. As part of the transaction to purchase the equipment, Plaintiff EJKJ, LLC was required to enter into an Equipment Finance Agreement No. 294119-000 with Balboa Capital for the financing of the equipment listed in Plaintiff's Exhibit 1 (see Equipment Finance Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit 3).
- 11. As part of the transaction to purchase the equipment, Plaintiff EJKJ, LLC was required to enter an Equipment Finance Agreement with Defendant Pawnee Leasing Corporation.
- 12. That sometime after that Defendant InMode indicated Plaintiffs would need a Body Tite Pro RFAL Work Station to properly conduct its business and Plaintiffs signed an agreement to purchase said equipment in the amount of \$138,786.58.
- 13. As part of the transaction to purchase the Body Tite Pro RFL Work Station,
 Plaintiffs were required to enter into an equipment lease with Defendant Stearns Bank,
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14. That as an inducement for Plaintiffs to enter into the aforesaid Agreements, all Defendants represented to Plaintiffs, among other things, that:

- (a) The equipment would pay for itself;
- (b) Marketing would be done by the Defendants;
- (c) InMode would put Plaintiffs on the physician list;
- (d) The equipment would not burn women of darker skin color;
- (e) The equipment was completely safe; and
- (f) The financing agreements had to be signed to make the purchase.
- 15. That at the time Defendants made the aforesaid representations, Defendants knew those representations to be false, and were in fact false.
- 16. That Defendants made the representations with the intent that Plaintiffs rely upon such representations.
- 17. That Plaintiffs did rely on said representations as they were material to their purchasing said equipment.
- 18. That as a direct and proximate result of the fraud aforesaid, Plaintiffs incurred financial obligations over \$250,000.00 to build a business upon said representations, and incurred embarrassment and stains upon Plaintiff EJKJ, LLC and Dr. January's reputation as a licensed and elite physician.
- 19. That Defendants' actions were done recklessly and without regard to the rights of Plaintiffs.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against Defendants jointly and severally in a reasonable sum to compensate them for the injuries incurred in an amount over \$25,000.00, for punitive damages to deter Defendants and others like them from

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such actions, for an order rescinding the agreements, for their costs herein incurred and expended, and for such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

FLUHR & MOORE, LLC.

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Judge or Division:	Case Number: 20SL-CC03616	
NANCY WATKINS MCLAUGHLIN		ot SHERIFF FEE
Plaintiff/Petitioner:	Plaintiff's/Petitioner's Attorney/Address	PAID
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	9322 MANCHESTER ROAD	
VS.	SAINT LOUIS, 63119	
Defendant/Respondent:	Court Address:	
INVASIX, INC., D/B/A INMODE AESTHETIC	ST LOUIS COUNTY COURT BUILDING	
SOLUTIONS	105 SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE	
DBA: INMODE AESTHETIC SOLUTIONS	CLAYTON, MO 63105	
Nature of Suit:		
CC Other Tort		(Date File Stamp)

Summons in Civil Case

The State of Missouri to: INVASIX, INC., D/B/A INMODE AESTHETIC SOLUTIONS

Alias:

DBA: INMODE AESTHETIC SOLUTIONS

CT CORPOARATION SYSTEM REGISTERED AGENT 120 S. CENTRAL AVE CLAYTON, MO 63105

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NOTICE OF ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION SERVICES

Purpose of Notice

As a party to a lawsuit in this court, you have the right to have a judge or jury decide your case. However, most lawsuits are settled by the parties before a trial takes place. This is often true even when the parties initially believe that settlement is not possible. A settlement reduces the expense and inconvenience of litigation. It also eliminates any uncertainty about the results of a trial.

Alternative dispute resolution services and procedures are available that may help the parties settle their lawsuit faster and at less cost. Often such services are most effective in reducing costs if used early in the course of a lawsuit. Your attorney can aid you in deciding whether and when such services would be helpful in your case.

Your Rights and Obligations in Court Are Not Affected By This Notice

You may decide to use an alternative dispute resolution procedure if the other parties to your case agree to do so. In some circumstances, a judge of this court may refer your case to an alternative dispute resolution procedure described below. These procedures are not a substitute for the services of a lawyer and consultation with a lawyer is recommended. Because you are a party to a lawsuit, you have obligations and deadlines which must be followed whether you use an alternative dispute resolution procedure or not. IF YOU HAVE BEEN SERVED WITH A PETITION, YOU MUST FILE A RESPONSE ON TIME TO AVOID THE RISK OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT, WHETHER OR NOT YOU CHOOSE TO PURSUE AN ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedures

There are several procedures designed to help parties settle lawsuits. Most of these procedures involve the services of a neutral third party, often referred to as the "neutral," who is trained in dispute resolution and is not partial to any party. The services are provided by individuals and organizations who may charge a fee for this help. Some of the recognized alternative dispute resolutions procedures are:

- (1) <u>Advisory Arbitration:</u> A procedure in which a neutral person or persons (typically one person or a panel of three persons) hears both sides and decides the case. The arbitrator's decision is not binding and simply serves to guide the parties in trying to settle their lawsuit. An arbitration is typically less formal than a trial, is usually shorter, and may be conducted in a private setting at a time mutually agreeable to the parties. The parties, by agreement, may select the arbitrator(s) and determine the rules under which the arbitration will be conducted.
- (2) <u>Mediation:</u> A process in which a neutral third party facilitates communication between the parties to promote settlement. An effective mediator may offer solutions that have not been considered by the parties or their lawyers. A mediator may not impose his or her own judgment on the issues for that of the parties.

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- (3) <u>Early Neutral Evaluation ("ENE")</u>: A process designed to bring the parties to the litigation and their counsel together in the early pretrial period to present case summaries before and receive a non-binding assessment from an experienced neutral evaluator. The objective is to promote early and meaningful communication concerning disputes, enabling parties to plan their cases effectively and assess realistically the relative strengths and weaknesses of their positions. While this confidential environment provides an opportunity to negotiate a resolution, immediate settlement is not the primary purpose of this process.
- (4) Mini-Trial: A process in which each party and their counsel present their case before a selected representative for each party and a neutral third party, to define the issues and develop a basis for realistic settlement negotiations. The neutral third party may issue an advisory opinion regarding the merits of the case. The advisory opinion is not binding.
- (5) Summary Jury Trial: A summary jury trial is a non binding, informal settlement process in which jurors hear abbreviated case presentations. A judge or neutral presides over the hearing, but there are no witnesses and the rules of evidence are relaxed. After the "trial", the jurors retire to deliberate and then deliver an advisory verdict. The verdict then becomes the starting point for settlement negotiations among the parties.

Selecting an Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedure and a Neutral

If the parties agree to use an alternative dispute resolution procedure, they must decide what type of procedure to use and the identity of the neutral. As a public service, the St. Louis County Circuit Clerk maintains a list of persons who are available to serve as neutrals. The list contains the names of individuals who have met qualifications established by the Missouri Supreme Court and have asked to be on the list. The Circuit Clerk also has Neutral Qualifications Forms on file. These forms have been submitted by the neutrals on the list and provide information on their background and expertise. They also indicate the types of alternative dispute resolution services each neutral provides.

A copy of the list may be obtained by request in person and in writing to: Circuit Clerk, Office of Dispute Resolution Services, 105 South Central Ave., 5th Floor, Clayton, Missouri 63105. The Neutral Qualifications Forms will also be made available for inspection upon request to the Circuit Clerk.

The List and Neutral Qualification Forms are provided only as a convenience to the parties in selecting a neutral. The court cannot advise you on legal matters and can only provide you with the List and Forms. You should ask your lawyer for further information.

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IN THE 21ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

Judge or Division: NANCY WATKINS MCLAUGHLIN	Case Number: 20SL-CC03616	SHERIFF FEE
Plaintiff/Petitioner: EBONI C. JANUARY . vs.	Plaintiff's/Petitioner's Attorney/Address STEVEN S. FLUHR 9322 MANCHESTER ROAD SAINT LOUIS, 63119	PAID
Defendant/Respondent: INVASIX, INC., D/B/A INMODE AESTHETIC SOLUTIONS DBA: INMODE AESTHETIC SOLUTIONS	Court Address: ST LOUIS COUNTY COURT BUILDING 105 SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE CLAYTON, MO 63105	
Nature of Suit: CC Other Tort		(Date File Stamp)

Summons in Civil Case

The State of Missouri to: INVASIX, INC., D/B/A INMODE A ESTHETIC SOLUTIONS

Alias:

DBA: INMODE AESTHETIC SOLUTIONS

CT CORPOARATION SYSTEM REGISTERED AGENT 120 S. CENTRAL AVE CLAYTON, MO 63105

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ST. LOUIS COUNTY

You are summoned to appear before this court and to file your pleading to the petition, a copy of which is attached, and to serve a copy of your pleading upon the attorney for Plaintiff/Petitioner at the above address all within 30 days after receiving this summons, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to file your pleading, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

SPECIAL NEEDS: If you have special needs addressed by the Americans With Disabilities Act, please notify the Office of the Circuit Clerk at 314-615-8029, FAX 314-615-8739, email at SLCADA@courts.mo.gov, or through Relay Missouri by dialing 711 or 800-735-2966, at least three business days in advance of the court proceeding.

22-JUL-2020 Date

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Judge or Division:	Case Number: 20SL-CC03616	AUG 10 2020
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STATE OF MISSOURI

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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

COMES NOW Randall F. Scherck, and the law firm of GREENSFELDER, HEMKER & GALE, P.C., and hereby enter their appearance on behalf of Defendant Pawnee Leasing Corporation with respect of the above-captioned matter.

Dated: August 12, 2020 GREENSFELDER, HEMKER & GALE, P.C.

By: /s/ Randall F. Scherck
Randall F. Scherck, #31085 (MO)
rscherck@greensfelder.com
10 South Broadway, Suite 2000
St. Louis, Missouri 63102
(314) 241-9090
Facsimile: (314) 345-5488

Attorney for Defendant Pawnee Leasing Corporation

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing was filed with the Clerk of Court, using the CM/ECF system this 12th day of August, 2020 to be served on all counsel of record.

 /s/ Randall F. Scherck

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STATE OF MISSOURI

DR. E	BONI C. JANUARY,) Individually,)	
And)	
EJKJ,	LLC,) A Limited Liability Company,)	Cause No.: 20SL-CC03616
	Plaintiffs,	Division: 21
Vs.)	
d/b/a	SIX, INC., a Delaware Corporation,) INMODE AESTHETIC) ITIONS ("INMODE"),)	
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d/b/a	RNS BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,) STEARNS BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE) HON, a Minnesota Corporation,	
And)	
	NEE LEASING CORPORATION,) orado corporation,)	
	Defendants.	

MEMORANDUM TO COURT

COME NOW Plaintiffs, by and through counsel, and hereby file Return of Service indicating personal service of their Petition and Summons upon Defendant Stearns Bank National Association, d/b/a Stearns Bank Equipment Finance Division by delivering a copy of same to Kelly Skalleky, President/CEO of said company on August 6, 2020. Plaintiff requests the amount of \$50.00 for said service, as reflected on the attached invoice, be taxed as costs.

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Respectfully submitted,

FLUHR & MOORE, LLC.

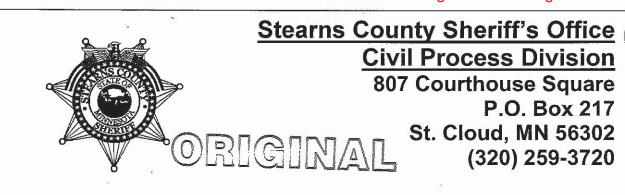
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Steven S. Fluhr, MO #34365
9322 Manchester Road
St. Louis, MO 63119
(314)725-8002/Fax (314)725-8006
fluhrstl@aol.com
Attorney for Plaintiffs,
Dr. Eboni C. January and EJKJ, LLC

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing was forwarded via the Missouri Courts e-file system to all attorneys of record this 17th day of August, 2020.

/s/Peggy R. Rothman

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SHERIFF'S DAILY RECORD / INVOICE

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BILL TO:

FLUHR & MOORE LLC: 9322 MANCHESTER ROAD, ST LOUIS MO

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CASE:

DR EBONI C JANUARY ET AL vs. INVESIX INC ET AL

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IN THE 21ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ST. LOUIS COUNTY MISSOURI NO.

Judge or Division:	Case Number: 20SL-CC03616
NANCY WATKINS MCLAUGHLIN	2002-CC03010
Plaintiff/Petitioner:	Plaintiff's/Petitioner's Attorney/Address:
EBONI C. JANUARY	STEVEN S. FLUHR
	9322 MANCHESTER ROAD
Vs.	9322 MANCHESTER ROAD SAINT LOUIS, 63119 Court Address: ST LOUIS COUNTY COURT BUILDING
Defendant/Respondent:	Court Address: ST LOUIS COUNTY COURT BUILDING 105 SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE
INVASIX, INC., D/B/A INMODE AESTHETIC SOLUTIONS	ST LOUIS COUNTY COURT BUILDING
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Directions to Officer Making Return on Service of Summons

A copy of the summons and a copy of the motion and/or petition must be served on each Defendant/Respondent. If any Defendant/Respondent refuses to receive the copy of the summons and motion and/or petition when offered to him, the return shall be prepared to show the offer of the officer to deliver the summons and motion and/or petition and the Defendant's/Respondent's refusal to receive the same.

Service shall be made: (1) On Individual. On an individual, including an infant or incompetent person not having a legally appointed guardian, by delivering a copy of the summons and motion and/or petition to the individual personally or by leaving a copy of the summons and motion and/or petition at the individual's dwelling house or usual place of abode with some person of the family over 15 years of age, or by delivering a copy of the summons and motion and/or petition to an agent authorized by appointment or required by law to receive service of process; (2) On Guardian. On an infant or incompetent person who has a legally appointed guardian, by delivering a copy of the summons and motion and/or petition to the guardian personally; (3) On Corporation, Partnership or Other Unincorporated Association. On a corporation, partnership or unincorporated association, by delivering a copy of the summons and motion and/or petition to an officer, partner, or managing or general agent, or by leaving the copies at any business office of the Defendant/Respondent with the person having charge thereof or by delivering copies to its registered agent or to any other agent authorized by appointment or required by law to receive service of process; (4) On Public or Quasi-Public Corporation or Body. On a public, municipal, governmental or quasi-public corporation or body in the case of a county, to the mayor or city clerk or city attorney in the case of a city, to the chief executive officer in the case of any public, municipal, governmental, or quasi-public corporation or body or to any person otherwise lawfully so designated.

Service may be made by an officer or deputy authorized by law to serve process in civil actions within the state or territory where such service is made.

Service may be made in any state or territory in the United States. If served in a territory, substitute the word "territory" for the word "state."

The officer making the service must swear an affidavit before the clerk, deputy clerk, or judge of the court of which the person is an officer or other person authorized to administer oaths. This affidavit must state the time, place, and manner of service, the official character of the affiant, and the affiant's authority to serve process in civil actions within the state or territory where service is made.

Service must not be made less than ten days nor more than sixty days from the date the Defendant/Respondent is to appear in court. The return should be made promptly, and in any event so that it will reach the Missouri Court within 30 days after service.

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IN THE 21ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

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Judge or Division: NANCY WATKINS MCLAUGHLIN	Case Number: 20SL-CC03616			
Plaintiff/Petitioner: EBONI C. JANUARY vs.	Plaintiff's/Petitioner's Attorney/Address STEVEN S. FLUHR 9322 MANCHESTER ROAD SAINT LOUIS, 63119 RECEIVED JUL 2 3 2020			
Defendant/Respondent: INVASIX, INC., D/B/A INMODE AESTHETIC SOLUTIONS DBA: INMODE AESTHETIC SOLUTIONS	Court Address: ST LOUIS COUNTY COURT BUILDING 105 SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE CLAYTON, MO 63105 COLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE			
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STATE OF MISSOURI

DR. EBONI C. JANUARY, Individually, And EJKJ, LLC, A Limited Liability Company,)
Plaintiffs,) Cause No. 20SL-CC03616
VS.) Division No. 21
INVASIX, INC., d/b/a INMODE AESTHETIC)
SOLUTIONS, et al.,)
Defendants.)

DEFENDANT PAWNEE LEASING CORPORATION'S ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES TO PLAINTIFFS' PETITION

Comes now Defendant Pawnee Leasing Corporation ("Pawnee"), by and through its attorney and for its answer and affirmative defenses to Plaintiffs' Petition states as follows:

- 1. Pawnee is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations in paragraph 1 of Plaintiffs' petition and therefore denies same.
- 2. Pawnee is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations in paragraph 2 of Plaintiffs' petition and therefore denies same.
- 3. Pawnee is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations in paragraph 3 of Plaintiffs' petition and therefore denies same.
- 4. Pawnee is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations in paragraph 4 of Plaintiffs' petition and therefore denies same.
- 5. Pawnee is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations in paragraph 5 of Plaintiffs' petition and therefore denies same.
 - 6. Pawnee admits the allegations in paragraph 6 of Plaintiffs' Petition.

- 7. Pawnee denies the allegations in paragraph 7 of Plaintiffs' Petition because Plaintiffs were not injured by any wrongful acts, fraud or misrepresentation of Pawnee and because Pawnee committed none of said acts.
- 8. Pawnee is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations in paragraph 8 of Plaintiffs' petition and therefore denies same. Pawnee further states that Exhibit 1 is a written document and speaks for itself and upon information and belief was not attached to the petition served on Pawnee.
- 9. Pawnee is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations in paragraph 9 of Plaintiffs' petition and therefore denies same. Pawnee further states that Exhibit 2 is a written document and speaks for itself and upon information and belief was not attached to the petition served on Pawnee.
- 10. Pawnee is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations in paragraph 10 of Plaintiffs' petition and therefore denies same. Pawnee further states that Exhibit 3 is a written document and speaks for itself and upon information and belief was not attached to the petition served on Pawnee.
- 11. Pawnee is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the statement "the transaction to purchase the equipment" and further denies that Plaintiff EJKJ, LLC was required to enter into an Equipment Finance Agreement with Pawnee unless said Plaintiff agreed to or desired to lease or finance certain equipment through Pawnee as its response to paragraph 11. In no way did Pawnee require said Plaintiff to enter into any Equipment Finance Agreement with Pawnee unless Pawnee was financing the transaction.
- 12. Pawnee is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations in paragraph 12 of Plaintiffs' petition and therefore denies same.

- 13. Pawnee is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations in paragraph 13 of Plaintiffs' petition and therefore denies same.
- 14. Pawnee denies each and every allegation in paragraph 14 and its subparts and holds Plaintiffs to strict proof thereof.
- 15. Pawnee denies the allegations in paragraph 15 as they apply to Pawnee and hold Plaintiffs to strict proof thereof.
- 16. Pawnee denies the allegations in paragraph 16 as they apply to Pawnee and hold Plaintiffs to strict proof thereof.
- 17. Pawnee denies the allegations in paragraph 17 as they apply to Pawnee and hold Plaintiffs to strict proof thereof.
- 18. Pawnee denies the allegations in paragraph 18 as they apply to Pawnee and hold Plaintiffs to strict proof thereof.
- 19. Pawnee denies the allegations in paragraph 19 as they apply to Pawnee and hold Plaintiffs to strict proof thereof.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

- 20. By way of further answer and affirmative defense, Pawnee states that Plaintiffs have failed to state a claim on which relief may be granted against Pawnee.
- 21. By way of further answer and affirmative defense, Pawnee states that the alleged requirement to execute an Equipment Finance Agreement with Pawnee would only have occurred if Plaintiffs had agreed to do so to finance the lease or purchase of certain equipment.
- 22. By way of further answer and affirmative defense, Pawnee states that Plaintiffs' claim is barred by its own actions in voluntarily executing any Equipment Finance Agreement with Pawnee.

- 23. By way of further answer and affirmative defense, Pawnee states that Plaintiffs have failed to attach to their petition or specifically identify the Equipment Finance Agreement Plaintiff EJKL, Inc. allegedly entered into with Pawnee as stated in paragraph 11 of Plaintiffs' petition.
- 24. By way of further answer and affirmative defense, Pawnee states that Plaintiff Dr. January could not have been damaged by any of the actions allegedly committed by Pawnee and has no cause of action against Pawnee since such Plaintiff did not enter into any agreement with Pawnee which was the asserted result of the statements allegedly made by Pawnee in paragraph 14 and its subparts.
- 25. By way of further answer and affirmative defense, Pawnee states that Plaintiffs have failed to allege with specificity the representations made by Pawnee in paragraph 14 and its subparts.
- 26. By way of further answer and affirmative defense, Pawnee states that Plaintiffs have failed to allege which representations were made by Pawnee in paragraph 14 and its subparts.
- 28. By way of further answer and affirmative defense, Pawnee states that any liability or damages sustained by Plaintiffs as described in their petition were a result of actions of others and not Pawnee.
- 27. Pawnee reserves the right to supplement its answer and affirmative defenses should additional information become available through discovery or otherwise.

WHEREFORE, Defendant Pawnee Leasing Corporation prays that it be dismissed, for its costs and for such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

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Dated: August 21, 2020 GREENSFELDER, HEMKER & GALE, P.C.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STATE OF MISSOURI

DR. EBONI C. JANUARY, Individually, and)	
EJKJ, LLC a Limited Liability Company,)	
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Plaintiffs,) Cause No.: 20SL-CC03616	
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) Division: 21	
VS.)	
) JURY TRIAL REQUESTED	
INVASIX, INC., d/b/a INMODE AESTHETIC	ON ALL ISSUES TRIABLE TO	0
SOLUTIONS, et al.,) A JURY	
,)	
Defendants.)	
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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

COMES NOW Robert W. Stephens and Swanson, Martin & Bell, LLP, and hereby enter their appearance on behalf of Defendant Balboa Capital Corporation.

SWANSON, MARTIN & BELL, LLP

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BALBOA	EQUIPMENT FINAN	CE AGREEMENT	Agreement No. 294119-000
DEBTOR ("you" or "your"):			TERM:
EJKJ, LLC			66
ADDRESS:	EQUIPMENT LOC	ATION ADDRESS:	PAYMENT SCHEDULE:
910 MORRISON AVE	3915 Watson Ro	oad	1-6 @ \$99.00, 7-66 @
St. Louis, MO 63104	St. Louis, MO	53109	\$3,558.21
COLLATERAL: Items of personal property as generally desemaintained by us among our books and records in whatever more shall be considered incorporated into this Equipment Finance Agre Number of Advances: 1 applied as: 1 First	detailed description of the property t	inanced is received from the supplier of s or promptly upon request.	ore detailed description of the property being financed shall be such property and, absent manifest error, such detailed description
	in Advance (advance plus d	Security Deposit: \$0.00	
PERSONAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: See Invoices atta			
Agreement. Balboa Capital Corporation ("Creditor", "we", "us", or "o agree to borrow from us an amount for the financing of the Collateral. Ye for the collateral and acknowledge delivery and acceptance of the collatins agreement. Amounts received by us under this Equipment Finance as we determine. Debtor promises to pay to Creditor the Payments set described in this paragraph. Payments may be adjusted upward or down to reflect actual costs. The first Payment is due at the commencement of specified by Creditor; each subsequent Payment is due on the same de Payments have been received by Creditor. Each date a Payment is due Payment due on the first Due Date, Debtor agrees to pay us prorated rer Payment amount for each day calculated from the date Creditor paid the "Prorated Rent"). Debtor acknowledges that: a) Creditor may charge u in Creditor's sole discretion: and b) the Prorated Rent is not credited any amount not paid when due is subject to a late charge of the lower camount allowed by law.	fou authorize us to pay the supplier(s) teral. You authorize us to commence Agreement ("EFA") shall be applied forth above, plus the prorated rent as ward no more than ten percent (10%) "Creditor's applicable hilling cycle as ate of each preceding month until all s a "Due Date" and in addition to the to ran amount equal to 1/30" of the e vendor until the first Due Date (the p to thirty (30) days of Prorated Rent ugainst the Payments set forth above.	under this EFA when due; (ii) you cease have filed against you a petition under th this EFA; or (iv) any of the above events may do any or all of the following; (a) ter waive any security required of us in the ev us at your expense to a location design inuracitately due and payable, all future pa or lease the Collateral; (e) Creditor may and other payments, including late charge payments due through the last day of the to Creditor in connection with the repossess disposition of the Collateral, including but	following occurs, you will be in default: (i) you fail to pay any amount doing business, admit your inability to pay your debts, or you file or Bankruptey Code; (iii) you breach any other obligation contained in of default occur with respect to any guarantor. Upon your default, we minate this EFA; (b) take possession of the Collateral; you irrevocably went we take possession of the Collateral and require you to deliver it to ated by us; (c) declare all sums due and to become due hereunder ayments discounted at 3% as calculated by us; (d) self, disposs of, hold, use for and recover from Debtor the sum of: (1) all unpaid Payments es and interest, due under this EFA then accrued, all accelerated future term of this EFA; (2) any and all costs or expresses paid or incurred by ion, holding, repair, reconditioning and subsequent sale, lease or other at not limited to attorney's fees and costs, whether or not litigation is a Collateral which Debtor; the least recondition of the collateral which Debtor is the surface of the collateral which Debtor is considered to the collateral which perfect the colleteral way the collet

Grant of Security Interest. You hereby grant to us a security interest in the Collateral and all proceeds to secure all of your obligations under this EFA.

Disclaimer of Warranties and Claims. We make no representation or warranty to any matter whatsoever including the merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose of the Collateral. This EFA is irrevocable. Your obligation to pay all amounts payable hereunder is non-cancellable, absolute, and unconditional and will not be subject to any reduction, setoff, defense, counterclaim, deferment or recoupment for any reason, even if the Collateral is damaged, destroyed or defective. You acknowledge you selected the Collateral and the supplier and your supplier is not our agent nor are we their agent. You acknowledge that no one, including the supplier, has been authorized to waive or change any term or condition of this EFA. No representation by the supplier as to any matter shall bind us or affect your duty to pay all amounts and perform all obligations hereunder. You will use the Collateral for commercial purposes only, in compliance with the law and not for any personal, family or household use

Collateral. You will not modify or change location of the Collateral without our proper consent and allow us to inspect it upon our request. At your expense you will maintain the Collateral in good operation condition and repair. You will keep the Collateral free and clear from all liens and encumbrances. Titled Collateral will be titled and/or registered as we direct. You are responsible for any damage or destruction of the Collateral. You will at our election repair the Collateral at your expense or pay to us all amounts then due and owing plus the total of all unpaid Payments for the Term discounted at 3%. You will indemnify and hold us, our ember, managers and employees harmless from and against any claims, costs, expenses, damages and

member, managers and employees narmices from and against any claims, costs, expenses, damages and liabilities, in any way relating to the Collateral.

Fees and Taxes. You agree to pay when due and to hold us harmless from all taxes, interest and penalties relating to this EFA and the Collateral ("Taxes") and reimburse us for those Taxes we pay on your behalf. If we pay any of the above for you, you agree to reimburse us and to pay us a processing fee for each payment we make on your behalf. In addition, you also agree to pay us any filing fees prescribed by the Uniform Commercial Code or other law and reimburse us for all costs and expenses involved in documenting and servicing this transaction. You further agree to pay us an origination fee on or before the date the first payment is due and a termination fee. You also acknowledge that in addition to the other obligations due under this EFA, we may assess and you may be required to pay additional taxes and/or fees including an invoice fee. Such fees may not only cover our costs they may also include a profit. You will indemnify us

against the loss of any tax benefits arising out of your acts or omissions.

Insurance. During the Term you will maintain insurance we specify on the Collateral. If you do not provide us satisfactory proof of insurance we may, but are not required, to buy such insurance for our benefit and add charges which any result in a higher premium you would pay if you obtained insurance, plus an interest charge. At our option, in lieu of obtaining or continuing insurance, we may require you to pay a monthly additional fee up to 2% of the cost of the Collateral. This fee is not calculated with reference to additional risk nor constitutes additional profit for us, but represents the basis on which we are willing to forbear from exercising remedies and continue this EFA without the required insurance. You will receive no insurance coverage and will not be released from any obligation under this EFA. We are not selling insurance. We will cease charging the additional fee or billing for insurance 30 days after you provide satisfactory proof of

Account No:

Authorized Signature:

usposition of the contactual, including our not inflict to attorney is tees and costs, whether or not intigation is commenced; (3) the residual value of the Collateral which Debtor fails to return to Creditor (or which Debtor converts or destroys, or which Creditor does not or is unable to repossess); (4) all other costs or expenses paid or incurred by Creditor at any time in connection with the execution, delivery, administration amendment and enforcement or exercise of any of the Creditor's rights and remedies under this EFA, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees and costs, whether or not litigation is commenced, and taxes imposed by any governmental agency; (5) any actual or anticipated loss of federal or state tax benefits to Creditor (as determined by Creditor) resulting from Debtor's default or Creditor's repossession or disposition of the Collateral; and (6) any and all other damages proximately caused by Debtor's default; (f) exercise any other right or remedy which may be available to us under applicable law. You shall reimburse us for all costs we incur in enforcing our rights including our attorney's fees and costs of repossession, repair, storage and remarketing of the Collateral. A

waiver of default will not be a waiver of any other subsequent default.

General. This EFA shall be governed and construed under the laws of the State of California without reference to its principle of conflicts of laws and is deemed to have been made and performed in Orange County, CA. You submit to the jurisdiction of CA and agree that the CA state courts and/or the United States District Court for the Central District of California, Santa Ana Division, shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any action or proceeding to enforce this EFA or any action or proceeding arising out of this EFA. You waive any objection based on improper venue and/or forum non-conveniens, You irrevocably grant us the right to make such fillings under the Uniform Commercial Code as we deem necessary. You agree to pay us interest on all past due amounts at the lower of 1.5% per month or the highest rate allowed by law. You will not assign your rights under this EFA, or permit the Collateral to be used by anyone other than you. We may assign this EFA, in whole or in part, without notice to you or your consent. You agree that our assignee will have the same rights and benefits that we have now, but will not be subject to any claims, defenses or set offs that you may have against us. This EFA as well as the Delivery and Acceptance receipt(s) for the Collateral constitute the entire agreement between well as the Delivery and Acceptance receipt(s) for the Collateral constitute the entire agreement between the parties, and supersede all prior negotiations, written or oral, including any written offer or proposal describing and/or summarizing the terms of any proposed lease/financing. This EFA cannot be modified except in writing signed by the party against who enforcement is sought. Debtor represents to Creditor that it shall not allege in any court proceeding that the parties entered into an oral modification of this EFA, and further agrees, that in any event, any such oral modification shall not be enforced unless it is reduced to a writing signed by the party against whom enforcement is sought. You represent and warrant to us that all information conveyed to us in connection with this EFA and all related documents whether by you, a superator, a supplier of any other preson, is true, sequente complete and not profession. This EFA may be guarantor, a supplier or any other person, is true, accurate, complete and not misleading. This EFA may be executed in separate counterparts which together shall be the same instrument. You agree this EFA may be signed electronically pursuant to the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act and other signed electronically pursuant to the Electronic Signatures in Chibal and National Cemimerce Act and other applicable law. All fees may not only cover our costs but may include a profit. You may not repay this EFA without our prior written consent. If Debtor constitutes more than one person, the liability of each shall be joint and several. A copy of this EFA (whether delivered by facstmille, in portable document formar (PDF) or otherwise) shall be deemed an original for all purposes. Any notice given hereunder shall be in writing and deemed given two business days after being deposited with the US Postal Service, first class postage prepaid, and addressed to the Debtor at its address set for above or to Creditor at 575 Anton Blvd., 12th Floor. Costa Mesa, CA 92626, or such other address given to the sender by written notice.

Member

By signing below Debtor hereby irrevocably accepts the Collateral under the EFA and irrevocably authorizes Creditor to pay the supplier on behalf of the Debtor. The person executing this EFA is

authorized to do so, making this EFA the valid and binding act of the Debtor. Debtor Name: EJKJ, LLC		Accepted By: Balboa Capital Corporation		
By:			By:	<u> </u>
Print Name and Title: Eboni January	Member	Date:	Title: Vice President	Date: 4/5/2019
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Print Name and Title: Eboni January

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STATE OF MISSOURI

DR. EBONI C. JANUARY, Individually, and)	
EJKJ, LLC a Limited Liability Company,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	Cause No.: 20SL-CC03616
)	
)	Division: 21
VS.)	
)	JURY TRIAL REQUESTED
INVASIX, INC., d/b/a INMODE AESTHETIC)	ON ALL ISSUES TRIABLE TO
SOLUTIONS, et al.,)	A JURY
)	
Defendants.)	

<u>DEFENDANT BALBOA CAPITAL CORPORATION'S</u> <u>MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF ITS MOTION TO DISMISS PLAINTIFFS'</u> PETITION FOR DAMAGES

COMES NOW Balboa Capital Corporation (hereinafter "Balboa"), by and through its attorneys, Swanson, Martin & Bell, LLP, and pursuant to Missouri Supreme Court Rule 55.27, and submits this Memorandum in Support of its Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' Petition for Damages because Plaintiffs' cause of action as to Balboa is predicated upon an Equipment Finance Agreement No. 29411-000 (attached hereto as Exhibit A), which contains an enforceable forum section clause. On the basis of the Equipment Finance Agreement's forum selection clause, Orange County, California is the sole proper jurisdiction and venue to interpret and enforce the Equipment Finance Agreement. Pursuant to Missouri law, as set forth herein, this Court should dismiss the instant cause of action in favor of Orange County, California.

FACTS

1. Balboa is, and at all times relevant herein, was a California corporation in good standing which has its principal office and place of business in Costa Mesa, California and is authorized to do business in the state of Missouri.

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- 2. While Balboa is registered to do business in the state of Missouri, Balboa does not now have and has never had offices in the state of Missouri.
 - 3. On or about March 7, 2019, Plaintiff EJKJ, LLC executed the Equipment Finance Agreement.
 - 4. On March 7, 2019, Plaintiff Dr. Eboni C. January executed a Guaranty of the Equipment Finance Agreement.
- 5. Plaintiff Dr. Eboni C. January is an officer, director, shareholder, agent, member, and/or owner of Plaintiff EJKJ, LLC.
 - 6. On or about April 5, 2019, Balboa executed and delivered to Plaintiff EJKJ, LLC the fully executed Equipment Finance Agreement.
 - 7. The Equipment Finance Agreement entered into between the parties, contains the following provision:

GENERAL: This EFA shall be governed and construed under the laws of the State of California without reference to its principle of conflicts of laws and is deemed to have been made and performed in Orange County, CA. You submit to the jurisdiction of CA and agree that the CA state courts and/or the United States District Court for the Central District of California, Santa Ana Division, shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any action or proceeding to enforce this EFA or any action or proceeding arising out of this EFA. (*Exhibit A*)

8. Additionally, the Equipment Finance Agreement includes the following:

This EFA as well as the Delivery and Acceptance receipt(s) for the Collateral constitute the entire agreement between the parties, and supersede all prior negotiations, written or oral, including any written offer or proposal describing and/or summarizing the terms of any proposed lease/financing. (*Exhibit A*)

ARGUMENT

Plaintiffs' cause of action as to Balboa is solely and completely predicated upon the Equipment Finance Agreement No. 29411-000 executed between the parties on April 5, 2019.

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The Equipment Finance Agreement contains an enforceable forum section clause, which was set forth above. Missouri courts enforce forum selection clauses.

In *Major v. McCallister*, 302 S.W.3d 227, 229 (Mo. Ct. App. 2009), the Missouri Court of Appeals stated:

We should honor the forum selection clause unless it is unfair or unreasonable to do so. Burke v. Goodman, 114 S.W.3d 276, 279–80 (Mo.App.2003)(citing High Life Sales Co. v. Brown–Forman Corp., 823 S.W.2d 493, 497 (Mo. banc 1992)). The party resisting such a clause generally bears a heavy burden to show why it should not be held to its bargain. Id. at 280 (citing Whelan Sec. Co. v. Allen, 26 S.W.3d 592, 596 (Mo.App.2000)).

In *High Life Sales Co. v. Brown-Forman Corp.*, <u>823 S.W.2d 493</u> at 497 (Mo. 1992), the Missouri Supreme Court, in concluding that Missouri should no longer treat outbound forum selection clauses as per se violations of public policy, joined "the better-reasoned majority rule and will enforce such clauses, so long as doing so is neither unfair nor unreasonable".

In *Burke v. Goodman*, 114 S.W.3d 276, 280 (Mo. Ct. App. 2003), the court held that "the party resisting enforcement of the forum selection clause bears a heavy burden in convincing the court that he or she should not be held to the bargain", citing Whelan Sec. Co., Inc., 26 S.W.3d 592 at 596. The *Burke* court went on to opine that "a clause that provides that the litigation shall be brought at the principal place of business of the defendant, mitigates in favor of fairness and discourages hasty litigation because a "race to the courthouse by either party puts the lawsuit in the opponent's backyard." See High Life Sales Co., 823 S.W.2d at 497."

CONCLUSION

Plaintiffs' cause of action as to Balboa is solely and completely predicated upon the Equipment Finance Agreement No. 29411-000 executed between the parties on April 5, 2019. This Equipment Finance Agreement requires that where there are differences between the

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parties, a California court sitting in Orange County, California will apply California law to govern the contractual relationship.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, Defendant Balboa Capital Corporation respectfully moves this Honorable Court to dismiss the instant case against it, and for such other and further relief as the court deems just and proper.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STATE OF MISSOURI

DR. EBONI C. JANUARY, Individually, and)
EJKJ, LLC a Limited Liability Company,	
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,)
Plaintiffs,) Cause No.: 20SL-CC03616
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SOLUTIONS, et al.,) A JURY
Defendants.)
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<u>DEFENDANT BALBOA CAPITAL CORPORATION'S</u> MOTION TO DISMISS PLAINTIFFS' PETITION FOR DAMAGES

COMES NOW Balboa Capital Corporation (hereinafter "Balboa"), by and through its attorneys, Swanson, Martin & Bell, LLP, and pursuant to Missouri Supreme Court Rule 55.27, moves this Court to dismiss Plaintiffs' Petition for Damages because Plaintiffs' cause of action as to Balboa is predicated upon an Equipment Finance Agreement No. 29411-000, which contains an enforceable forum section clause. Plaintiffs' agreed that the Equipment Finance Agreement (attached to Balboa's Memorandum in Support of Motion to Dismiss and identified as Exhibit A) would be governed by the laws of the State of California and consented to jurisdiction in the County of Orange. The Equipment Finance Agreement provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

GENERAL: This EFA shall be governed and construed under the laws of the State of California without reference to its principle of conflicts of laws and is deemed to have been made and performed in Orange County, CA. You submit to the jurisdiction of CA and agree that the CA state courts and/or the United States District Court for the Central District of California, Santa Ana Division, shall have

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exclusive jurisdiction over any action or proceeding to enforce this EFA or any action or proceeding arising out of this EFA.

Missouri courts honor and enforce forum selection clauses agreed upon by the parties where such enforcement is not unreasonable. *Majorv. McCallister*, 302 S.W.3d 227 (Mo. C.A. So. D. 2009); and *Burke v. Goodman*, 114 S.W.3d 276 (Mo. C.A. E.D. 2003).

Because the forum selection cause expressly governs the Equipment Finance Agreement upon which Plaintiffs' claims are predicated, Balboa respectfully requests that the Court issue an order dismissing this cause of action in the State of Missouri and County of St. Louis, as these are not the contractually sanctioned jurisdiction and venue for actions predicated upon the Equipment Finance Agreement agreed upon by the parties.

Balboa hereby incorporates its concurrently filed Memorandum in Support of its Motion to Dismiss by reference herein.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, Defendant Balboa Capital Corporation respectfully moves this Honorable Court to dismiss the instant case against it, and for such other and further relief as the court deems just and proper.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

DR. EBONI C. JANUARY, Individually,)		
et al.,)		
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Plaintiffs,)		
)		
V.)	Cause No.:	20SL-CC03616
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)	Division No.:	21
INVASIX, INC., d/b/a INMODE)		
AESTHETIC SOLUTIONS, et al.,)		
)		
Defendants.)		

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE AND CONSENT MOTION FOR ADDITIONAL TIME FOR DEFENDANT TO FILE RESPONSIVE PLEADINGS

COME NOW J. Patrick Chassaing and Helmut Starr of Curtis, Heinz, Garrett & O'Keefe, P.C., and enter their appearances on behalf of defendant Invasix, Inc., d/b/a Inmode Aesthetic Solutions ("Inmode"), and request that the clerk duly forward notices of all filings herein by the Court's CM/ECF System. Also, Inmode hereby requests, with consent of Plaintiffs' counsel, Steven S. Fluhr, Esq., that the Court grant Inmode's request for 14 additional days to file an Answer or other responsive pleading, up to and including September 14, 2020.

CURTIS, HEINZ, GARRETT & O'KEEFE, P.C.

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The undersigned hereby certifies a copy of the foregoing was filed with the Court's electronic case management system on this 31st day of August, 2020, upon all counsel of record.

	/s/Helmut Starr Helmut Starr	_
SO ORDERED this day of	, 2020	
Hon. Nancy Watkins McLaughlin, Division 21		